



Dear Blugold graduates,

Congratulations! Today we celebrate an achievement for which you've worked long and hard: You've earned your UW-Eau Claire degree!

Today we also mark the close of our yearlong Centennial Celebration of 100 years of excellence at UW-Eau Claire! From the first 186 students who attended the Eau Claire State Normal School in 1916 to our enrollment today of more than 10,600, we have grown to be a nationally ranked public regional university. We also have developed a widespread reputation for outstanding faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with the transformative learning experiences that make a Blugold degree — your degree — stand apart.

You can look to the future knowing there is real value in your UW-Eau Claire degree. UW-Eau Claire is first among all UW System universities and in the top 10 percent among Midwest master's-level universities in Washington Monthly's 2016 "Best Bang for the Buck" rankings. We also are included in MONEY's list of 50 Best Public Colleges that deliver the most value, and we are one of just two UW System regional universities among Forbes' 2016 America's Top Colleges for return on investment.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 84,000 Blugold alumni making a difference the world over, carrying The Power of AND into their workplaces and communities. Just look at the shining examples provided by our alumni award recipients being honored here today. The world will be a better place because of your skills AND wisdom, entrepreneurship AND integrity of spirit, strong work ethic AND inspiring creativity — all hallmarks of your UW-Eau Claire degree.

As we say in our mission statement (proudly printed on this page), UW-Eau Claire provides a "transformative liberal education." I challenge you to audaciously pursue your goals, knowing that your UW-Eau Claire degree has prepared you for all you aspire to achieve. And most of all, I wish you joy on your journey.

With all best wishes for a bright Blugold future,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James C. Schmidt | Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Mission Statement of the University

We foster in one another creativity, critical insight, empathy and intellectual courage, the hallmarks of a transformative liberal education and the foundation for active citizenship and lifelong inquiry.

Commencement Program

May 20, 2017	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor, Presiding
9 a.m.	College of Arts and Sciences College of Nursing and Health Sciences
2 p.m.	College of Business College of Education and Human Sciences
Prelude by UW-Eau Claire Faculty Brass Quintet	Robert Baca, trumpet Jacob Grewe, tuba Chuck Hodgson, horn Matthew Mealey, trumpet Phil Ostrander, trombone
Greetings	Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate
Processional	Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (<i>Land of Hope and Glory</i>) by Sir Edward Elgar <i>Please rise and remain standing through the National Anthem.</i>
National Anthem	The Star-Spangled Banner by John Stafford Smith Led by Gina Cruciani, Bachelor of Arts, Music (morning) Led by Emily Pikal, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (afternoon)
Welcome and Introductions	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Introducing Members of the Platform Party	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Mary Hoffman, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Graduate Studies David Leaman, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences Linda Young, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Tim Vaughan, Interim Dean, College of Business Margaret Cassidy, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (morning) Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (morning) Jill Prushiek, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (afternoon) Bob Erffmeyer, Associate Dean, College of Business (afternoon) Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (morning) Joseph J. Abhold, Dean of Students (afternoon) Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate Susan Harrison, Coordinator, Centennial Celebration Planning Committee Ashley Sukhu, Student Body President 2016 - 2017 (morning)
Greetings from the University of Wisconsin System	Ray Cross, President
Congratulatory Remarks	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs <i>See pages 27-31 for bios of the award recipients.</i>
Charge To The Class	Mary Laschinger, CEO, Veritiv Corporation
Presentation Of Doctoral Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Conferral Of Doctoral Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
Presentation Of Master's Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Conferral Of Master's Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
Presentation Of Baccalaureate Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Conferral Of Baccalaureate Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
Blugold Reflections	Kallie Friede, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication (morning) Madeline Gray, Bachelor of Arts, English Teaching (afternoon)
Closing Remarks	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University Alma Mater	Led by Autumn Schacherl, Bachelor of Music, Applied Voice (morning) Led by Kyra Moak, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (afternoon) <i>Please rise and join in singing. Words and music are printed at end of program.</i>
Recessional	Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (<i>Land of Hope and Glory</i>) by Sir Edward Elgar Triumphal March from "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi <i>You are welcome to move from your seat as soon as the platform party, faculty and graduates have exited the arena.</i>
Photographs	A professional photograph will be taken of all graduates as they receive their diplomas. In order to reset the arena for the next event, there will be no photo opportunities in Zorn Arena following the ceremony.
Reception	The chancellor, faculty and members of the graduating class cordially invite all guests to a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Marketplace on the first floor of the W.R. Davies Student Center.



Congratulate your graduate: #UWECGrad

Candidates for Degrees

Graduation with distinction is being conferred on those graduates who have an outstanding scholastic record. They are identified by gold cords and recognized in the program as follows: *cum laude (grade-point average of at least 3.2), **magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.5) and ***summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.8). Graduates receiving departmental honors are identified by the symbol †. The recognition of graduates receiving University Honors is noted under the student's name. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords. See Page 24 for the key listing UW-Eau Claire's degree interpretations.



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College of Nursing and Health Sciences

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Barbara Beth Eliason Wilson

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

B.S., 2012, The College of Saint Scholastica

Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Arriola

DNP Project: Improving Advance Care Planning

Conversations with Patients by Primary Care Providers

Lisa Anne Erickson Dresser

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 1993, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Program Adviser: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree

DNP Project: Informing Outreach, Engagement, and Retention of a Prenatal Care Coordination

Program on Pregnant Women Residing in a Rural Northwestern Wisconsin County

Kate Allison Hansen Tomah

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Clinical Nurse Specialist)

B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Adviser: Dr. Arin VanWormer

DNP Project: Impact of Educational

Interventions on Patients at Risk for Falls

Lea Ann Amdahl Harel Cadott

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2004, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Adviser: Dr. Cheryl Lapp

DNP Project: An Educational Strategy for

Quality Improvement to Promote Palliative Care in the Inpatient Setting

Heather Marie Haun Neillsville

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2006, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Program Adviser: Dr. Rachel Merkel

DNP Project: Screening and Intervening: Uncovering

Food Insecurity in Pediatric Patients with Type I Diabetes

Kimberly Ann Johnson Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Nurse Executive)

B.S.N., 1991, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher

DNP Project: Implementation of RN-

Provider Bedside Rounds

Kendra Leigh Ahrens Joswiak Valentine, NE

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

B.S., 2005, Chadron State College

Program Adviser: Dr. Rachael Haupt-Harrington

DNP Project: Supporting a University Health Team Move

Toward Collaborative Depression Care

Jennifer Ann Kelash Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S., 2012, College of Saint Benedict

Program Adviser: Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler

DNP Project: Increasing Access, Utilization, and

Education of Palliative Care in the Inpatient Setting

Becky Jean Komro Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2005, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Adviser: Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler

DNP Project: Implementation of an Adult

Obesity Protocol in Family Medicine

Josephine Major Krizek Kaukauna

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Program Adviser: Dr. Debra Hofmann

DNP Project: Improving Chronic Respiratory Disease Care in a Free Clinic Setting with Evidence-Based Algorithms

Sarah Marie Lundblad Medrano Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2008, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Adviser: Dr. Cheryl Lapp

DNP Project: A Strategy to Improve the Workplace

Climate of Advanced Practice Providers to

Enhance Recruitment and Retention

Kelsey Lee Meyer Cornell

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Canales

DNP Project: Standardizing Pediatric Care to

Improve Quality of Care and Safety

Jennifer Diane Munger Prairie City, IA

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Clinical Nurse Specialist)

B.S.N., 2008, Clarke College

Program Adviser: Dr. Debra Jansen

DNP Project: Development and Implementation of

a Protocol Utilizing an Ultrasound Device to Reduce

Infiltrations of New Arteriovenous Fistulas

Carlee Lynn O'Connor Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Clinical Nurse Specialist)

B.S.N., 2004, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

B.S., 2002, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Program Adviser: Dr. Arin VanWormer

DNP Project: Home International Normalized Ratio

Program Impact on Patient Satisfaction

Richard James O'Meara Rochester, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Nurse Executive)

M.S.N., 2010, University of Phoenix

M.B.A., 2005, University of St. Thomas

B.S., 1982, South Dakota State University

Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher

DNP Project: Implementing Psychiatric Nurse

Liaisons in the Emergency Department in

an Effort to Reduce Patient Violence

Kristina Popov Maplewood, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S., 2011, St. Catherine University

Program Adviser: Dr. Kristi Burdick

DNP Project: The Use of Standardized Opioid Education

to Improve the Safe Use of Opioids Postoperatively

in Patients with Total Joint Replacement

Liana Julienne Reiland Durand

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S., 2012, The College of Saint Scholastica

B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Program Adviser: Dr. Lisa Schiller

DNP Project: Webpage Development to Improve

Sleep Education for College Students

Carli Sue Slaney La Crosse

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.S., 2008, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Program Adviser: Dr. Robin Beeman

DNP Project: Patient and Health Care Provider Perspectives

of Shared Decision Making in Serious Illness

Kelly Marie Thiel Appleton

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Adviser: Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl

DNP Project: Assessing the Effectiveness of an

Inpatient Insulin Pump Therapy Tutorial

Naomi Ann Windham Minneapolis, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

B.S., 2009, Bethel University

Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Canales

DNP Project: Bright Beginnings: A System Change

to Enhance Doula Education Among Homeless

Pregnant Women in the Primary Care Setting

MASTER'S DEGREES

James Michael Hubert Mondovi

M.S.N., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Educator)

B.S.N., 2006, Viterbo University

B.S., 1980, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Arriola

Karen Marie Sohn Spooner

M.S.N., Nursing (Family Educator)

B.A., 1992, The College of Saint Scholastica

Program Adviser: Dr. Rita Sperstad

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Kristen Louise Allen La Crescent, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Kathryn Paula Anderson *** Kohler
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Marie Anundson ** Muskego
B.S.N., Nursing

Leah Jean Bauer ** New Richmond
B.S.N., Nursing

Christina Quade Baxter ** Barron
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexandra Marie Blackledge **†** Eau Claire
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Madeline Hope Boyum *** New Brighton, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Haley Marie Brost **† Cedarburg
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Stephanie Frances Bult *** New London
B.S.N., Nursing

Kendall Therese Calba * Oneida
B.S.N., Nursing

Anna Leigh Clark Cambridge
B.S.N., Nursing

Katie Louise Daley *** Rochester, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Laura Lynn Derosier * Rice Lake
B.S.N., Nursing

Sydney Michele Domke ** Edina, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Danielle Marie Droessler *** Mosinee
B.S.N., Nursing

Kelly Lynn Eberts ** Weston
B.S.N., Nursing

Shanna Lee Ellefson **†** Spring Valley
B.S.N., Nursing

Stacie Scarlet Elliott ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Jocelyn Marijke Etten **† Elkhorn
B.S.N., Nursing

Hannah Nicole Everson ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Danielle Marie Fotsch *** Sussex
B.S.N., Nursing

Katelyn Marie Fox *** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Marie Gladys Fronck *** Antigo
B.S.N., Nursing

Kayla Marie Gardner * Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Laken McKenzie Geissler ** Cadott
B.S.N., Nursing

Kori Nicole Gerrow * Kronenwetter
B.S.N., Nursing

Anna May Gilbert *** Cameron
B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Ann Grant ** Prior Lake, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexandra Marie Grathen ** De Pere
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexa Mary Gustafson * Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Kari Elaine Hawkinson ** Maple Grove, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Sarah Hofstede *** Greenfield, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Marie Huntley *** Woodbury, MN
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Corrine Elizabeth Jensen *** La Crescent, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Sara Nicole Joski * Hudson
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexandra Kathryn Kerber *** New Richmond
B.S.N., Nursing

Danielle Elizabeth Kind **† Marathon
B.S.N., Nursing

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University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Allison Jo Korska ** Lakeville, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

Jodi M. Kreuser *** Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Samantha Marie Lang *** Hastings, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Elizabeth LaVoy ** Necedah
B.S.N., Nursing

Anastasia Kathleen Lisiecki *** Stanley
B.S.N., Nursing

Jamie Lea Lund Maplewood, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Marie Mathias *** New Berlin
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Jaclyn Marie Mckoskey *** Lino Lakes, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Hailee Elizabeth McNamara Cadott
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Lynnette Meacham ** Colby
B.S.N., Nursing

Kylee Marie Meddaugh *** Stevens Point
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Miller Mondovi
B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlyn Alyse Moore ** Woodbury, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Summer Lee Mueller Medford
B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Mae Nelson *** Waupaca
B.S.N., Nursing

Brittany Nicole Nelson *** Stanley
B.S.N., Nursing

Alana Marie Olson ** Madison
B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica Marie Pearson ** Maplewood, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Amy Lynn Pieper *** Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Lauren Kay Pittman *** Amery
B.S.N., Nursing

Anthony Darrin Reigel ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Alyssa Jean Rossmiller ** Burlington
B.S.N., Nursing

Susan Schlinsog * Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Brandi Rae Schlough * Menomonie
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Marie Schmitz ** Marshfield
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Mae Schoch *** Unity
B.S.N., Nursing

Erika Lee Schroeder ** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Victoria Lorraine Schulte ** Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Claire Susan Selover ** La Crosse
B.S.N., Nursing

Shelby Lynn Sikora ** Colfax
B.S.N., Nursing

John Spencer ** Pigeon Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Athena Marie Strand *** Merrill
B.S.N., Nursing

Meagan Deanne Voltz ** Mauston
B.S.N., Nursing

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University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

College of Education and Human Sciences

MASTER'S DEGREES

Danielle Mary Bornemann Neenah
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Cheyenne Cherie Braker Eau Claire
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2010, The University of Vermont
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B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Leah Marie Carpenter Green Bay
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis: Parent Perspectives on Family Centered Care in Speech-Language Therapy in Multiple Settings
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 1997, University of Southern California
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
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B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S.E., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Ali McMahon Wausau
M.E.P.D., Professional Development
B.S., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.F.A., 1996, Massachusetts College of Arts and Design
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ph.D., 1997, The University of Alabama
M.A., 1994, Monterey Institute of International Studies
M.Ed., 1984, Harding University
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.B.A., 1997, University of Michigan-Flint
B.B.A., 1993, Western Michigan University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S.E., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.B.A., 1995, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
B.S., 1989, Stanford University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

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M.E.P.D., Professional Development (Library Science)
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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
B.S., 2010, Angelo State University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Sara Elizabeth Rendall Chanhassen, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis: "You have to invest": Speech-language pathologists' perspectives on teaching literacy skills to students who use AAC
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Jennifer Thistle

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Kara Lynn Riedesel Minneapolis, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 1994, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2006, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 1997, Wichita State University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.S.W., 2003, University of Denver
B.A., 2002, Saint Mary's College
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Annalise Marie Tadych Hartland
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Jillian Lauren Utz Holmen
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis: Anticipated compliance and quality of life measures for individuals consuming thickened liquids: Perceptions of taste, texture, palatability, and enjoyment given beverage appearance
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Jerry Hoepner

Meghan Ann Wellmann Lino Lakes, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, University of Northwestern
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Macy Jo Wildberg Ogema
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Leah Lake Aeilts * Woodbury, MN
B.S., Special Education

Zachary Jon Akin ** De Pere
B.A., Social Studies

Chelsea Mariah Alger * Bloomington, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Annalyn Joy Alt *** Excelsior, MN
University Honors
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jeremy Todd Amundson Osceola
B.S., Athletic Training

Daniel Karl Andersen Mellen
B.S., Kinesiology

Emily Raye Androschko *** Minocqua
B.S., Kinesiology

Kamren C Anibas ** Alma Center
B.S., Elementary Education

Serena Lynn Baker * Eau Claire
B.S., Special Education

Jarrid Richard Balz Stillwater, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Taylor Alexis Bednar ** Spooner
B.S., Special Education

Ann Marie Behnke *** River Falls
B.S., Special Education

Allison Bender ** Galesville
B.A., Social Studies

Samantha Amber Berry * Mc Farland
B.S., Special Education

Brooke Marie Bertram ** Eagan, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Elisabeth Rae Betker Pewaukee
B.S., Kinesiology

Bailey Joseph Beyer ** Elmwood
B.S., Mathematics

Ellen Ann Blacklock *** Winona, MN
University Honors
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Lauren Genevieve Blasczyk *** Appleton
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Madeline Callie Blaser *** Green Bay
B.S., Elementary Education

Kaiah Lea Bleeker * Minnetonka, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Emilie Hope Blomberg *** Ogema
B.S., Elementary Education

Andrew Kostner Bonlender * Middleton
B.S., Mathematics and Religious Studies

Arien ReyAnn Brennan * Hayward
B.S., Elementary Education

Kimberly Joan Breuer * Glen Haven
B.S., Special Education

Savannah Rose Breunig Prairie du Sac
B.S.W., Social Work

Michael Talbot Brooks *** Middleton
B.S., Elementary Education

Eva Catherine Rose Buchmayer ** Eagan, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Samantha Jo Burch ** Ladysmith
B.S.W., Social Work

Kristen M Burich ** Green Bay
B.S., Elementary Education

Ashley Jo Buss * Eau Claire
B.S.W., Social Work

Jessica Joy Buss * Chippewa Falls
B.S.W., Social Work

William Brian Callaway ** Watertown
B.M.E., Music

Emily Anne Campbell * Cudahy
B.S., Elementary Education

Ashley Elizabeth Canik Park Falls
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Natalie Joy Carlson ** Plymouth, MN
B.S., Special Education

Robert Joseph Casper Freedom
B.S., Kinesiology

Man Jun Chou Hong Kong
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Emma Lynn Christopherson ** Mayer, MN
B.S., Special Education

Nicole Morgan Cisewski ** Plover
B.S., Kinesiology

Stephanie Rose Cisewski ** Custer
B.S., Elementary Education

Emily Ann Clemons Appleton
B.S., Kinesiology

Clarissa Rae Cleven-Peterson ** Chippewa Falls
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The Honors Program provides an extra measure of challenge and enrichment for students who are academically distinguished by previous and current achievements and by high levels of motivation and curiosity. The program seeks to challenge exceptionally able students to perform at the highest level of which they are capable, to enhance their capacity for critical inquiry and independent learning, and to develop their potential for leadership in their future vocations. The Honors Program has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may complete one or both components. Students graduating with University Honors have attained a grade-point average of at

least 3.5 and have completed at least 24 University Honors credits. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal.

In addition, 32 scholastic honor societies are recognized at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They exist primarily to recognize the attainment of scholarship of a superior quality and to confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies; in student leadership; and in various fields of research. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords.

ACADEMIC APPAREL

The academic apparel worn by the faculty and staff in the procession has its origins in the universities of the Middle Ages. Because the universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy and wore clerical clothing based on monastic dress.

The head covering developed from the skullcap worn to protect tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, the skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. In Europe the bonnet with tassel is still worn but has been replaced in America by the mortarboard cap or tam with tassel.

The style of the gown may have been borrowed from the Benedictine monk's habit. In the Middle Ages, those with

bachelor's and master's degrees could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The master's gowns were often furred, a decoration surviving as the three velvet bars now used on the sleeves of the doctoral gown.

The hood was originally worn over the head in bad weather and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders. First worn by faculty and students, the hood is now added to the apparel of those with master's, specialist in education and doctoral degrees. The color of the velvet trim on the hood indicates the scholarly field: for example, dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), light blue (education), pink (music), apricot (nursing), drab (business), white (arts). The colors of the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university from which the degree was earned.

UNIVERSITY MACE AND STAND

The University Mace represents the best of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and epitomizes the collaborative spirit we value so highly. The mace includes wood from the original Council Oak tree and Kent State Memorial trees that was saved when the trees were replaced. The University Medallion was Dr. Susan Harrison's, which she received in honor of her 15 years of service as chair of the University Senate and commencement marshal. It was the vision of Dr. Harrison that the university have a mace to commemorate its centennial, so she worked collaboratively with university officials and the wood turners listed at right.

The product of their collaboration was presented to Chancellor James Schmidt on May 4, 2016. Henceforth the University Mace will be displayed at commencements and other university ceremonies to symbolize the university's proud past and promising future. We are ever so grateful to Dr. Harrison's vision and the artists' hands that created this lasting symbol for a great university.

Mace and stand crafted by members of the Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild:

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Senior Class Gift

Each year, graduating seniors have an opportunity to commemorate their graduation by making a gift to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. This semester, more than 150 seniors joined our community of alumni who support UW-Eau Claire each year.

Graduating seniors were encouraged to donate to any area of the university including academic colleges and departments or the Excellence Fund to support UW-Eau Claire's overall mission. By making a senior class gift, students are able to support current and future Blugolds even after they graduate.

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation thanks the following seniors for their generosity and for participating in the Senior Class Gift campaign. Senior class gift donors can be recognized wearing Blue and Gold Spirit Cords during the commencement ceremony. The following seniors made a gift of at least \$20.17 to commemorate their graduation year and to support UW-Eau Claire:

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Alumni Awards

Ten alumni and friends of the university are receiving awards from the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association today, recognizing their professional and personal successes as well as their contributions to their alma mater, their communities and their professions. In these pages we introduce you to these distinguished Blugolds as they share their best advice with today's graduates and welcome them into the Blugold alumni family.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

The Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award acknowledges the special achievements and great promise of alumni who are within 15 years of their graduation from UW-Eau Claire.



Catherine Emmanuelle '11

bachelor's degree in women's studies and economics

Since her graduation from UW-Eau Claire just six years ago, Catherine Emmanuelle has thrived as an admired local elected official and community leader, and as a respected family educator and devoted

advocate for underrepresented populations.

In 2013, Emmanuelle became the first Latina elected to the Eau Claire City Council. That same year, she was awarded the UW System Outstanding Women of Color in Education award to recognize her significant achievements. In 2014, she earned a master's degree in advocacy and political leadership from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Emmanuelle was voted as one of the area's "favorite local elected officials" through Volume One magazine for 2013, 2014 and 2015, and in 2014 she was voted as the "#1 best community advocate." As an at-large City Council member, she has led efforts for fundraising of private dollars and passage of the Confluence Project in downtown Eau Claire, among other progressive city initiatives. Emmanuelle's scholarly work and civic contributions have been published in diverse sources, including Feminist Teacher, The Shriver Report, MSNBC, the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram and Volume One magazine. She serves on the board of directors for Visit Eau Claire, and on the city of Eau Claire appointments committee, economic policy advisory committee, and affirmative action committee.

In addition to her Eau Claire City Council post, Emmanuelle works as family living educator for UW-Extension Trempealeau County, where she implements educational programming to support thriving youth, families, organizations and communities; a resilient and productive environment; and food safety, security and health.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

It wasn't until I was on the job market and interviewing for a dream job that I actually thanked (yes I did!) the grueling years of finals weeks for preparing me for the final job interview. So, when you go to interview, you are going to study, study, study beforehand, and then at your interview, shine, shine, shine with the skills, knowledge and experience you bring to the organization.

Since I graduated, I discovered the world of improvisational theater and have applied the main concept, "yes, and" in my professional work and beyond. "Yes, and" acknowledges whatever may be going on around you, and finding a way to interact with it in a way that is true and affirming to yourself and others. Saying "yes, and" has been a sanity saver through the twists and turns of my professional, political and personal life.

Practice self-care. Along life's rich and trying journey, be generous in love and kindness to yourself.



Nicole Griensewic Mickelson '05

bachelor's degree in German and history

Nicole Griensewic Mickelson is the executive director for the Region Nine Development Commission, which serves nine counties in South Central Minnesota. Region Nine works with and on behalf of counties, cities, townships

and schools to develop programs and identify solutions in the areas of economic development, business development, healthy communities, transportation, community development and the leveraging of regional resources.

Griensewic Mickelson is the youngest executive director of a regional development commission in the country. Her passion for public service is reflected in Region Nine's accomplishments, including national innovation awards for transportation projects, communication and marketing, and flood mitigation. As executive director, Griensewic Mickelson has made it a priority to foster collaboration and engagement by sharing Region Nine's story both locally and globally. At the third Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship tour, she presented to leaders from 28 countries, highlighting efforts and best practices from Region Nine.

In addition to her professional position, Nicole is an active board and committee member for multiple organizations throughout Minnesota. She serves on the executive committee for the Minnesota Medical Manufacturing Partnership as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership of the U.S. Economic Development Administration. She also serves as vice president for the Greater Minnesota Partnership board of directors and is an executive committee member of the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota.

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OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD continued

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Spend time with those who fill you up. Walk away from those who don't. Relationships are like clothes, sometimes you grow out of them and they need to be donated.

Surround yourself with others who are different. Like-minded people won't challenge your thought process or help you grow.

Keep a mental list of those who have inspired you. In times of uncertainty, think back to them. Would they be proud?

Understand you are privileged. Be part of the need for social change.

Get involved. Democracy is not a spectator sport. Being quiet serves no one.

Share your failures. Learn from them and those of others.

Don't be normal. It's impossible anyway. Embrace your weirdness. Flock to those who are authentic.

Do something that scares you to death. Know that you made it through. Push yourself, as no one else is obligated to do so.

Prove the bad bosses and teachers wrong. When you do, it feels pretty amazing.

Quit worrying about what others think. Your 20s are the best of times, and the worst of times. Be confident with your experiences. Just because you are young does not mean you are of any less value. Be ready and willing to sell yourself. Explain your worth — past your résumé and degree.

Push yourself so far that you simply have to succeed. Be open to new opportunities. Be willing to be flexible. Push yourself to grow. Be vulnerable and connect with others. Embrace challenges. Don't shy away from them.

And remember: You may not always get the credit, but you will get the karma.



John Raymond '09

bachelor's degree in music performance

John Raymond has made a name for himself in the world of jazz music. Called a "prepossessing young trumpet player" by The New York Times, the twice-Grammy-nominated artist received the 2015 Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer and Down

Beat Magazine's 2016 Rising Star Trumpeter awards. He has performed with many of the biggest names in the industry, and at notable events like the New York Winter Jazz Festival, the Austin City Limits Music Festival and NPR's Toast of the Nation New Year's Eve celebration.

Raymond, who also earned a master's degree in jazz studies from Purchase College, State University of New York, recently joined the faculty at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He has long been a sought-after clinician at high schools and colleges across the country, including multiple clinics with UW-Eau Claire jazz students. His latest CD, "Foreign Territory," has received rave reviews from The New York Times and Down Beat and Jazziz magazines — with Down Beat stating that Raymond is "steering jazz in the right direction."

In a 2015 interview with JAZZed Magazine, Raymond said he bases his entrepreneurial approach to music on advice from UW-Eau Claire Professor Robert Baca, who told him as a freshman to "bloom where you are planted." The words stuck with him, and he began as a student to do just that, self-producing two original jazz albums and founding a horn section that frequently worked and performed in the Twin Cities during college. Raymond interpreted Baca's advice as "transcend your location, the people you're around, even your own abilities by getting to the heart of the matter — the reality that you and only you are in control of your own development and success."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

No one ever told me that, to truly reach your fullest potential, you absolutely must go through more hardship and conflict than you sometimes think you can bear. Endless nights of soul-searching, long weeks and months and even years of perseverance, and opposition towards what you've set your heart to do should be expected. But all this is normal, because nothing worth chasing comes easy. You realize that it's not about the short-term successes you once wanted, but it's about the long game — it's about endurance and staying the course. And only the people who do so are the ones who end up achieving what they set out to achieve. What's more though is that, in fact, it's precisely in these moments that you're being refined more and more to become the person you truly were meant to be. And then you begin to realize ... this personal growth is actually much sweeter and more worthy of chasing after than achieving anything you may have ever wanted. So pursue this — it's far better than any awards or accomplishments you could ever garner for yourself, and it'll be the stuff that lasts well past the shelf-life of your career.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award recognizes outstanding professional and personal achievements and service to UW-Eau Claire.



Mary Laschinger '85

bachelor's degree in
business management

Mary Laschinger is the chair and CEO of Veritiv Corp., a leading North American distributor of print, publishing, packaging, facility and logistics solutions. In June 2016, with this Blugold alumna at the

helm, Veritiv was named to the Fortune 500 — just two years after the company was established. Laschinger is one of only 21 female CEOs of current Fortune 500 companies.

Laschinger's road to the Fortune 500 began with a UW-Eau Claire on-campus interview that led to a job as a production planner with Kimberly-Clark, another Fortune 500 company. She later held various positions in product management and distribution at Kimberly-Clark and James River Corp. before joining International Paper Co. She was president of International Paper's xpedx division when she accepted the opportunity to be CEO of what would become Veritiv.

Laschinger, who also will deliver the "Charge to the Class" during today's commencement ceremonies, says she found value in UW-Eau Claire's business curriculum and the real-life experience of its faculty.

"If you ask me what's been the greatest lever in my success, it's that I've been able to surround myself with really great people," she says, adding, "You don't have to be the smartest in the room to do what I do. You need to be well-rounded, and I think the business degree does that for you."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

While confidence is a positive trait, it's important to stop short of arrogance.

Be willing to take risks and put yourself in a position of learning. That might mean changing your focus from one of "going up the ladder" to one of going across an organization. You can learn a lot more, it gives you broader perspective, and it expands, long term, your opportunities.

Figure out what your passion is, because if you can find your passion you'll be great at it. Recognize the choices that you want to make and why, and realize that those are all going to be different answers for different people.



Elizabeth Willis '83

bachelor's degree in English

Elizabeth Willis, who has been described as "one of the most outstanding poets of her generation," is a highly decorated writer who in 2016 was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for her collection titled "Alive: New and Selected Poems."

Her publications are extensive and include books, chapbooks, magazine articles, works in anthologies, prose publications and others.

Currently a professor of poetry at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Willis previously served as the Shapiro-Silverberg professor of creative writing at Wesleyan University. A recent Guggenheim fellow, Willis has held professorships and writing residencies at many colleges and universities and has received numerous writing awards. She holds a doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Willis, who grew up in Eau Claire, says she is forever grateful to UW-Eau Claire English faculty members Bruce Taylor, John Hildebrand and Douglas Pearson, now professors emeritus, who helped hone her early writing and encouraged her to pursue a doctorate.

"Poetry is a strange field because making a career as a poet is sort of the opposite of fame and fortune," Willis says. In reflecting on her career as a poet and educator, "I've had a job since I was 16, ... so it was a great affirmation when a few years after I graduated I received a writing residency and an artists' fellowship — an actual check, modest as it was, for doing the thing I love to do.

"Much later, when I received a Guggenheim Fellowship, and last year when I was a finalist the Pulitzer, it was the same kind of unexpected thrill. But the most rewarding experiences are more personal than that: hearing from a young writer that my work has been meaningful to them, or seeing books and magazines by my own students coming into the world."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Trust your instincts, keep learning, be open to opportunities even if they don't make sense to anyone else, and don't be intimidated. We're all just making it up as we go.

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

The Honorary Alumnus Award is presented to non-alumni who have demonstrated great love of and service to UW-Eau Claire.



Pat Toutant

Marathon runners know something about persistence, internal motivation and the satisfaction that comes from completing something extraordinary. Eau Claire native and marathon runner Pat Toutant wanted to share that feeling with others — many thousands of others, to be exact.

Toutant has served as the Eau Claire Marathon race director for five years. The event, which this year attracted 4,000 participants to its various races, has become a standout in the region — with the marathon race being a Boston qualifier drawing runners from across the Midwest.

As race director, Toutant has partnered with UW-Eau Claire to bring the race route through campus — creating the now widely known Blugold Mile. The partnership has forged an enthusiastic connection between students and the community and, through the creation of a running class for students and community members that prepares them for the full or half marathon, has introduced many athletes to the world of distance running.

A Minneapolis Running article cited the Blugold Mile as one of “three reasons to run the Eau Claire Marathon,” noting, “we’ve been told that you can hear the Blugold Mile from a block away, and the crowds rival those of Boylston St. in the famed Boston Marathon.”

Toutant has provided the leadership behind partnerships citywide that have brought the community together in support of the Eau Claire Marathon, which in turn supports numerous local nonprofits.

“The Eastside Hill, the Third Ward, the Downtown Association, the Blugold Mile, Water Street, all the police, the city — 850 volunteers help us out,” Toutant said in a recent interview with WEAU 13 News in Eau Claire. “Without all of that, this wouldn’t work. So this community has really come together to put it on and they’re proud of it.”

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Congratulations! The opportunities that lie ahead are endless and amazing if one is willing to work. It is important to recognize that this journey is a marathon, not a sprint. It requires hard work and patience. You are not entitled to cross the finish line, but when you do because of all your efforts, it is amazingly rewarding.

It is really important to stay true to yourself. There is so much noise it becomes difficult at times, but remember it is the true you that defines your character.

Be careful what you think, for that will determine attitude.

Be careful about your attitude, for that determines action.

Be careful about your actions, for that determines character.

Be careful about your character, for that determines lifestyle.

William James said, “Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out if they’ve got a second.” Give your dreams all you’ve got and you’ll be amazed at the energy that comes out of you.

Choose your friends wisely, be loyal, be kind. Be endlessly curious, help others and give back.

Be unique. Remember even the littlest things can make a big difference.

Remember, it is not what — it is who!

“Lace ‘em up.”

LIFETIME EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Lifetime Excellence Award is presented to UW-Eau Claire alumni who have demonstrated longtime and successful commitment to their careers and communities. These individuals have made a positive and dramatic impact through enthusiastic dedication to service and living their lives as a testimony to UW-Eau Claire's motto, "Excellence."



Richard Johnson '82

bachelor's degree
in accounting

Mary Johnson '82

bachelor's degree in
business education

After earning his UW-Eau Claire accounting degree, Richard Johnson began working as an auditor and systems developer with several firms before joining Eastbay, which led him to a more-than-20-year career in the sporting goods industry.

Eastbay eventually was acquired by Foot Locker Inc., and today Richard Johnson is chairman, president and CEO of Foot Locker. In late 2016, Footwear News named him the most influential leader in the shoe industry.

Mary Johnson, who also earned a master's degree from UW-Whitewater, had a 25-year teaching and coaching career in elementary, middle and high schools as well as at technical colleges in Fond du Lac, Janesville and Wausau. As Dick's career became more demanding, she turned her focus to being CEO of the Johnson household, which included the couple's two sons. She also has served as a volunteer with a number of community organizations.

The Johnsons, who met as first-year students at UW-Eau Claire, now reside in the New York City area. They have generously supported Blugold athletics over the years through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

The best advice we could give to UW-EC's newest graduates is to be open to new opportunities. Don't let yourself become too comfortable, and by all means work at something you love to do. When you find a way to mix your vocation with your avocation it can be very special, especially when you have the unending trust and support of the ones you love.

Life is all about learning, so "knowing then what I know now" would have taken away some of the challenges of learning about life, which strengthens us all. But if there was one thing we wish we had known sooner it is how small the world really is — our time spent in Holland and learning about the expat community that exists around the globe was truly a life-changing experience for us.



Peter Scobie '71

bachelor's degree in
business management

Randi Scobie

Following his graduation from UW-Eau Claire, Peter Scobie went on to a 48-year career in the family insurance business, R.W. Scobie Inc., including his 35-year term as CEO of six branch offices serving independent agents in 14 states.

Peter Scobie also has dedicated his time to many national and local executive boards and charitable organizations, including the UW-Eau Claire Business Advisory Council, which advises the dean of the College of Business in preparing Blugolds for success in the global business world.

Randi Scobie, a UW-Stout graduate, combined experience in both graphic design and real estate to help establish the St. Andrews Housing Development and St. Andrews Office Park in Eau Claire. She also has volunteered service to multiple charitable organizations in Eau Claire and the greater Chippewa Valley.

The Scobies also have been longtime supporters through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation of many university programs and initiatives, including the College of Business and the Confluence Arts Center.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Keep an open mind and be willing to EMBRACE change. If you don't succeed with something, look for ways to approach your goals in a different way — make it a learning experience when things don't go the way you planned.

ALMA MATER

Melody by William Croft
Harmonized by George Frederick Handel

Words by Mark D'Amico
and William Oesterreich
Members of The Singing Statesmen, 1969

1. Oh School of Eau Claire, our voices we raise; Ac-cept thou this
2. Give hon- or to thee, and sing out thy name. Oh col-lege of

an- them of un- dy - ing praise. We pledge to be faith-ful, stout-
ours, we dear-ly ac-claim. In - still thou with - in us a

heart-ed and strong. And cher-ish thy mem-'ry as our lives are long.
feel-ing of pride. We pray Al - ma Ma - ter for - ev - er a - bid.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some eighth-note runs in the vocal line. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the first system containing two numbered lines of text. The second system contains a single line of text, and the third system contains a single line of text. The score concludes with a double bar line.